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SUBJ: RED:ECAFE: PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES CENTER

REF: BANGKOK 2215

1. DURING RECENT COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES MEETING, ECAFE SECRETARIAT AGAIN PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER. IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE WORK PROGRAM FOR 1973/74 AND IT IS INCLUDED IN THE WORK PROGRAM FOR 1974/75 WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION UNDER PROJECT NO. IC3: 5-2.2(III).

2. THE INR COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE THE DOCUMENT E/CN.11/I&NR/L.163 WAS PRESENTED ON OPENING DAY. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE UPCOMING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON THE IMPACT OF THE CURRENT ENERGY CRISIS ON THE ECONOMY OF THE ECAFE REGION WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND GIVE ITS VIEWS.

3. THE FUNCTIONS (14) OF THE CENTER HAVE BEEN LISTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR ENERGY RESOURCES DEVELOP-
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SECOND SESSION IN NAIROBI IN 1972 (E/5097, PP.8-9). THE
ECAFE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT CENTER BE MANAGED BY A DIRECTOR
APPOINTED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. HE WOULD SUBMIT HIS ANNUAL
REPORT ON MANAGEMENT TO AN ADVISORY BOARD. FUNDS FOR THE
CENTER WOULD BE SOLICITED FROM DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IBRD, ADB AND UNDP. "ADDITIONAL FUNDS
MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES DESIROUS OF
FURTHERING THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THE
STAFFING TARGET FOR THE CENTER WOULD BE 20 PROFESSIONAL POSTS
TO BE FILLED IN TWO YEARS TIME AND 10 GENERAL SERVICE POSTS.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE ECAFE TENDENCY IN
PROBLEM SOLVING: ESTABLISH A CENTER. HOWEVER, ECAFE HAS JUST
ESTABLISHED A MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER WHICH COULD
BE ENLARGED TO COVER ENERGY RESOURCES. WE EXPECT SEVERAL
COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN WILL OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY
CENTER.

5. RECOMMENDATION: USDEL TO INTERGOVERMENTAL ENERGY MEETING
SHOULD NOT OPPOSE OUTRIGHT ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY CENTER BUT
SHOULD SUGGEST FURTHER STUDY OF NEED FOR SUCH CENTER.
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